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On Wednesday 3 February, 2010, POLOFF delivered reftel demarche to Ms. Khadidia Traore Cisse, technical advisor for Civil Aviation in the Malian Ministry of Equipment and Transport, and left as an aide-memoire a French-language copy of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) policy statement. Ms. Cisse thanked the U.S. Embassy for its interest, and mentioned Mali is currently working on a similar agreement with the European Union and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) to open additional international air routes to foreign airlines. According to Ms. Cisse, the Civil Aviation Authority is also negotiating agreements with airlines from Egypt and Turkey that will allow their carriers to extend service to Mali, while pursuing seventh freedom rights for Malian national carriers.

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